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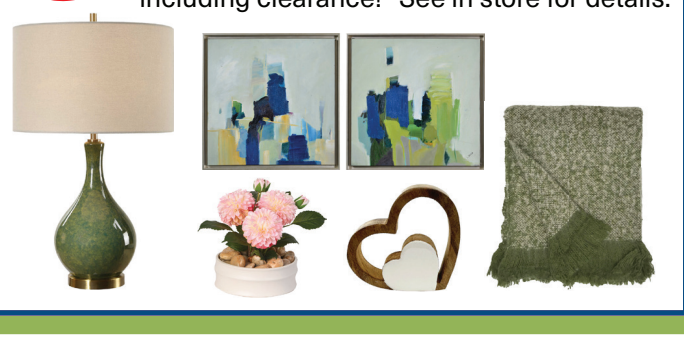

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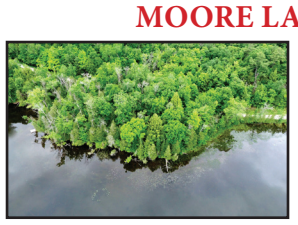

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Writing on the Senior Side

Falling for Autumn

GAIL STELTER
Special to *County Life*

Set up the ironing board and turn on the iron. Get out the wax paper. My leaves are perfect and I am ready. At first, mom has to do the ironing but soon I am old enough to do it myself. The cooled waxed leaves are gently peeled from the wax paper. They may be bookmarks or window decorations or how about all the times they decorated the table for Thanksgiving dinner? What did you do with your beautiful waxed fall leaves?

I have never met a Canadian who doesn't like the season of autumn. We never forget the fun of raking the leaves into huge piles. We delighted in running and jumping in those piles. We shuffled and slid and kicked the leaves as we walked. Jumping into piles of leaves does not work well on the senior side but nothing will ever stop us from kicking and shuffling as we walk the forest trails and even when we make our way from the car to the front door.

We walked and hiked with our children to search for the perfect leaves. They will decide where we use them to decorate our home and our Thanksgiving table. It has become a Canadian tradition. Perhaps the kids will bring some to school for the annual leaf print art lesson. I brought lots of leaves to school for my yearly leaf print extravaganzas. Peter made me three or four-inch square screens, cut from an old window screen. He put tape around the edges so the children wouldn't get cut or scratched. The kids brought an old toothbrush. (Yes, of course, I brought extras.) They taped their leaves onto the art paper; leaves they didn't want to keep. We dipped our toothbrushes into the red, yellow, orange, and brown colourful paints and put them on the screens. Oh, what fun and what a lot of splatter as different layers and colours of paint were repeatedly applied. Later when the paint dried we removed the leaves and our leaf prints were awesome. Then there was the time I brought out the finger paints and we "painted" fall colours to fill the whole sheet of finger paint paper. When it dried we put on our leaves. It could be done then or we traced the outline of the leaves and then cut them out of the finger painting. So much mess and so much fun and more beautiful leaf prints. My grade fours loved it and said it was the first time they fingerpainted since kindergarten. Do you remember fingerpainting? Did you make leaf prints?

Apple picking and leaf gathering went together. We lived near an apple farm and a fall outing was perfect. Picture perfect with photos of our children up the trees, apple in hand. Even as the kids got older and life got busier, a stop at the apple farm after mass on Thanksgiving morning meant a big bag of Macs and apple crumble pies. We visited the pumpkin patch and the pumpkins on the front steps of our home were ready for their annual transition to jack o' lanterns at Halloween. Last year, Peter and I (yes, just the two of us), went to the pumpkin patch at Abbey Gardens to choose our front-step pumpkins. Living on the senior side may mean giving up some pastimes but it also means continuing to revel in others. I hope you will go to the pumpkin patch this autumn. Maybe we'll see you there.

When we were cottagers and came up for our autumn weekends, colleagues would ask, "What do you do at your cottage in the fall that you can't do at home in the city?" Well, when you cottage or live on a lake in the Highlands, you sit and forest bathe as you watch the leaves drift silently to the water. You enjoy the gusts of wind that swirl and drive them down. Now I sit at my window on the world, cozy and warm by the fire, and watch leaves fall. It is my peaceful place. It cheers my heart and calms my mind and I don't have to wait for weekends.

The darkness comes earlier and that is perfect for an early evening fall campfire. I am convinced the smell of the campfire and the bright stars of the cool nights are autumn-enhanced. The crisp air and blue sky days cry out for a walk in the woods. If the woods don't work then a walk by the river or around the lakeside park will. Put on your comfy fall sweaters and hoodies and enjoy. There is something very satisfying about a fall leaf-kicking walk through the Sculpture Forest.

I am a sports fan. I am true blue Maple Leafs and one of those seniors who lived through the Stanley Cup win

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Writing on the Senior Side

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in 1967. Peter and I met in January 1967 and I know he was quite surprised to find himself with a girl who shared his true blue hockey team. We had hockey in common and everything after that was easy. I am one of those seniors who has almost given up hope of living long enough to enjoy another Leaf Stanley Cup win; almost, I will never give up completely. It's all good. I have my memories of my favourite players, Davie Keon and Ron Ellis and then Jim McKenny and Daryl Sittler.

I also love football. When we were first married we had season tickets for the Argos at the Exhibition stadium. Cheering on Tricky Dick Thorton, Leon McCuaig and Joe Thiesman while wrapped in a blanket, eating peanuts, and ignoring the polite beer-drinking buddies who sat near us were a Sunday afternoon pleasure, Now, I am an NFL fan. I sort of fell into this. We usually watched the Super Bowl and then we added all the playoff games. A couple of years later, we picked "our teams". I picked the Seattle Seahawks. Russell Wilson, what happened? Now I have two teams; one in the west - still Seattle - and one in the east: the Buffalo Bills. It would be nice to see one of them win before I have to go. Josh Allen can do it but not sure about that guy in Seattle. No worries, football is just another fall fun pastime and when fall has faded and winter turns to spring I will watch March Madness basketball, the Raptors when they make the playoffs, and keep an eye on the Blue Jays. I'm guessing I won't see the Jays win another World Series. No worries, our '92 and '93 wins were lifetime memories. I still have my World Series-winning sweatshirt. If I had a bucket list, my sports teams would not be on it and yet, watching sports together remains one of our senior side "things".

Go, senior side team, go….fall for autumn fun in all the forms that work for you. Make the most of this beautiful Canadian season.

Nature's Sketchbook

by David Alexander Risk

Sketches in Nature's Sketchbook are created by David Alexander Risk, a renowned local artist dedicated to sharing his love for nature and inspiring young residents and visitors to learn more about the natural world of the Haliburton Highlands.

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Razzamatazz returns with Bavela

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

Razzamatazz Kids' Shows is returning for another exciting season!

"This season Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is back with a high-quality, affordable and culturally diverse lineup of theatre performances," said Nicole Stewart, chair of the board for Razzamatazz Kids' Shows. "From animation and music, b-boying and b-girling, to acrobatics and world music and instruments, there will be something for everyone to enjoy!"

The first show of their 2024/2025 season is titled *Bavela, Stick and Bow*. *Bavela, Stick and Bow* tells the story of Bavela, a cat from Mexico exploring it's past lives.

"In October, as the community gears up for Halloween, other parts of the world such as Mexico and Latin America will be preparing to celebrate Días de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead," said Stewart. "This show is intended as a family-friendly cultural sharing of customs and other ways of living. *Bavela* is also an opportunity for kids to experience live theatre and music."

Bavela, Stick and Bow is currently touring over Ontario with six different rural locations.

The performers include Juan Sebastian and Krystina Marcoux, from Quebec. The pair have performed their work in Canada and abroad. This will be their first ever performance in Haliburton.

"*Bavela* has something for everyone including animation, music and a heart-warming story of a kitty who travels from Mexico to Italy, and Argentina to Egypt to prove cats are not bad luck. Along the way she finds music, dance and friendship are her guides to the solution," said Stewart. "The performance includes an animated movie, accompanied by two musical artists who play the marimba and cello while one artist narrates the show. The music includes four centuries of music with Rameau, Piazzolla, Nina Simone and many others."

"The biggest takeaway from the *Bavela* is to never let anything stand in the way of your dreams," said Stewart.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at razzamataz.ca or at the door. Tickets are $7 for children and $10 for adults. Razzamatazz would like to acknowledge the generous support of their funders: the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Arts Council, without which our work would not be possible.

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Minden hockey player hits success on the baseball diamond

JAMES MATTHEWS
County Life Staff

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Life kicked Austin Boylan off the ice so he went to the batting cages.

And the move, while borne of happenstance, has been working out for him so far.

Boylan, a 5-foot-9 outfield-infield player who grew up in Minden, committed to North Dakota State University and will be part of the school's baseball program. It's a NCAA Division 1 school and he'll hit the books and the diamond in Fargo in September 2025.

Success in baseball is not normal for kids coming out of the area. It isn't normal for kids coming out of Canada, really.

"We've worked hard on this for three and a half years," said Jason Boylan, Austin's father.

The Highlands Storm hockey player was forced out of the sport by the COVID-19 pandemic that shuttered arenas across the province.

"I love everything about baseball," Austin said. "The pace of the game, the way it's played."

He has cultivated a particular focus at the dish. And that was something recruiters from universities south of the border saw in him on the field.

Jason said Austin played a Canadian Futures Showcase hosted by the Toronto Blue Jays a few years ago. That's where Austin received personal hitting advice from none other than Matt Stairs, the New Brunswick-born slugger who holds the record for most pinch hit home runs in Major League Baseball.

Scouts from major league teams and Division 1 schools attend the showcase every year to get a heads-up on the talent coming up.

"Hitting is probably my favourite part about it," he said. "It's also one of my strengths."

And numbers don't lie.

He's been lacing cleats in the Canadian Premier Baseball League, which is the top amateur league in the country. He's nursing a .395 batting average with a .690 slugging percentage and an on-base percentage at .550.

"It feels great to be on my way. All the hard work is paying off."

Committing to a NCAA Division 1 school was his first goal. That brings him closer to the next step on his way to the Big League. That is to get drafted by one of the Major League Baseball clubs.

He plans to work to make some coin for school and to keep working out on the baseball diamond until he starts university next year.

"My coaching staff have been preparing me for that," he said. "That's the goal, to get bigger, faster, stronger."

His secret for success at the plate seems pretty simple: Practice. But there has to be something said for a slugger's eye and instinct.

He said a batter's eye is developed from repetitions with the lumber in the batting cages. That hones your timing.

"The biggest thing for me is my mentality in the box," he said. "When I step up to the plate, it's about working the counts and my approach. My approach has always been to pound the fastball. The fastball is the easiest thing to hit. It doesn't move. It's fast but, as long as you time it up, the fastball is the easiest thing to hit."

What makes him a good hitter is working the strikes to balls count at the plate.

If the batter gets behind in the count with a pair of strikes, the pitcher can hurl anything he wants and likely earn an out.

"But if you force the pitcher into a 3-1 count then he's probably going to slip up and throw you a fastball right down the middle, he said.

And he eats fastballs for lunch. Takes one with Tylenol when his headaches. When the rest of us are scouring the pantry for something to put together for a decent snack, Austin is at the plate and looking for a pitch about waist high and down the middle to dine on.

"The goal is to fight the pitcher," he said. "That's the whole point. You're battling with the pitcher, you get into a good count and work him so much that he slips up and he gives you that fastball."

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Falling for fall

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

Each autumn, I have the rather fun task of helping Haliburton County's tourism department with its fall colour report. A couple of times each week, I provide the latest details on the colour change and leaf fall in Haliburton Village, which is then combined with information from other corners of the County and posted on the My Haliburton Highlands website. (Make sure to check it out if you haven't already!) I do quite enjoy being a roving reporter for the autumn leaves, especially as I've noticed that it seems to make me more aware of them than I ever was before. To tell the truth, my awareness often seems to include thoughts that the report I sent in a mere day before is now out of date because there are suddenly even more colours to enjoy! Other times though, it's details of the colours themselves, noticing whether the maples are popping with shades of red or if the landscape seems to be taking on a more uniform golden hue.

Visitors come to the Haliburton Highlands from all over the world at this time of year to enjoy the colours on show around our communities. Packed tour buses are a common sight winding their way up Highway 35, looking for the best of the seasonal foliage. International visitors to the Haliburton Highlands Museum in the autumn often mention to me that they chose to visit Canada at this time of year specifically because of the colours they hoped they might see.

Those of us who live in the Highlands year round might take these autumn colours somewhat for granted, seeing as we see them each autumn, but this year, I'd like to encourage you to see them in a new way. Slow down a bit while you're out and about. Make sure to look up and also look into the distance to get the full experience. While you're at it, also take a look down at your path - you might find some perfect leaves that deserve to be pressed and preserved. In the Highlands, it's tempting to head for known lookout points or even further north to Algonquin Park and while these sorts of spots do provide gorgeous views, don't forget that they aren't the only option for enjoying the season. The season is all around us and can be enjoyed every time we step outside - we just need to notice it.

There are so many ways to celebrate autumn in the Highlands, ranging from hiking festivals to harvest dinners and art shows to studio tours. On Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dysart et al's annual Colourfest will be returning to Head Lake Park. Take in some of the best of the fall colours around the village, while enjoying a day of free family fun. There will be vendors, games, face painting, classic cars and a variety of other activities presented by generous community partners. Make sure to also stop by the museum's booth where kids can make masks to get a head start on Halloween and, of course, whatever you do, don't miss the Haliburton Rotary Club's famous pumpkin roll at 2:30 p.m.

Autumn in the Highlands is a magical time of year, so let's make sure to take it all in and make the most of it!

Top 10 red flags when interviewing a potential employee

THERE COMES a time in every employer's life, when you must interview new candidates for vacant positions. Most times, the choice is difficult. But, on occasion, some applicants send out red flags. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Work history includes, "Former Kamikaze pilot."
2. Asks for group hug in panel interview.
3. Winces frequently and then says, "Hey, tell me more about the medical coverage."
4. Won't answer questions on grounds that whatever he/she says might be incriminating.
5. When asked to divulge greatest strength, blurts out, "Knife fighting!"
6. Asks for keys to executive washroom – right now!
7. Asks for a coffee break during interview.
8. Repeatedly says, "What are you? A cop?"
9. Insists he/she gets paid in Spanish doubloons.
10. Patch is definitely on different eye during second interview.

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Sapling

Sapling springing from the forest floor, surrounded by its tribe of trees,
the elders towering over it, allowing it space to grow and breathe,
my fingers brushing its needles, that feel soft as feathers, my eyes blinking up at all the pines that surround us,
swaying in the breeze beneath the dome of blue Sky, as I trespass through their Home,
my steps slapping the ground, littered with stray leaves that have begun to fall,
stumbling over roots, that bulge from the earth, slithering like veins across the forest floor,
boulders squatting amongst the trees, cloaked in moss and the silence that surrounds them,
as I wonder how long they've been here, long before the forest sprung up around them,
this family of boulders of varying shapes and sizes, scattered throughout the forest,
touchstones for my weary feet and Breath when they need a rest,
leaning my spine and shoulders against one of the boulders, beneath the shade of these tall tall trees,
offering sanctuary from the noise that blares beyond the green wall of trees,
the boulder feeling clammy against my back, seeping through my shirt into my skin,
and for a moment I feel a shiver trickle down my spine, without knowing why,
summer beginning to curl into fall, like the leaf I scoop up from the forest floor,
its edges, bleeding, its face, still green, and I nestle it in my palm before I release it back down to the ground,
watching it land without making a sound, but maybe the trees have louder ears than me,
hearing every leaf that Wind untethers from their branch, the earth cradling their landing as roots
snake underground,
speaking in the secret language of trees, my eyes skimming the treetops that sway in the breeze,
lulling me into quiet reverie about Septembers past, and the beginning of school,
a classroom and books replacing hours sprawling on the grass or dock, reading Sky,
recesses spent hopscotching and avoiding boys, instead of tramping through a forest with a summer friend,
collecting pinecones and sticks, that we wielded as swords, playing Outside 'till the Sun plunked into the hills,
the giant orange orb sinking into the hills, a splinter earlier each evening,
as I zig-zag my way back between the boulders and trees, ruffling the sapling's head as I pass,
the way my father's hand always ruffled mine when I was small,
before I grew too tall and shooed his hovering hand away, missing that feeling of warmth, sometimes,
as I peer up at the pines, growing together, their whole lives,
the canopy of their branches, sheltering the newest member of their tribe.

Sylvie Kalenda

Highlands Summer Festival appoints new artistic producer

On the heels of another incredible season, the president of Highlands Summer Festival board of directors, Brian Kipping, is pleased to announce the appointment of Douglas, "Dougie" Walker to the position of artistic producer of the community's summer theatre company. Walker follows Scot Denton who stepped down from the post in August after 17 years with the company.

"We are delighted to have Dougie join our team in this important position," Kipping commented in making the announcement, noting that Denton had worked with the board on the appointment. "Dougie brings multiple theatre talents and experience to the job. The board and our many volunteers look forward to working with him."

Just this past summer, Walker directed and choreographed the Festival's musical comedy presentation of The Twenty-fifth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Patrons will also be familiar with his one person show from 2022 Every Brilliant Thing, and his lead role in the 2017 production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. He also brings with him extensive experience and training from Great Britain.

Dougie recently moved to Haliburton with his wife, Jocelyn Regina, and their son Lachlan. Jocelyn has been a part of numerous Highlands Summer Festival productions as an actor and crew member dating back to 2002.

"I am looking forward to working with this company," Walker commented. "Especially following on the work of Scot Denton, who has successfully guided the Highlands Summer Festival artistically for 17 years."

Denton, who moved on to other projects, stepped down as artistic producer in August. He joined the company is 2005 as a director and was appointed artistic producer in 2008. "Over the years he has directed numerous productions and mentored other directors and actors, enriching the presentations of the Highlands Summer Festival," Kipping commented. Denton wished the new artistic producer well, noting that he brings a great deal of talent and experience to the post and that he is available to consult with the board of directors during the transition. "I was pleased to see him appointed to the position and I am sure he will continue to nurture the high standards that the company has achieved over the years."

Walker will hit the ground running this fall as an immediate task is to create a line-up of productions for the coming 2025 season, which will be announced later this fall. For updates on the season please visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

"We welcome Dougie to Highlands Summer Festival in his new capacity and look forward to exciting things to come," Kipping concluded.

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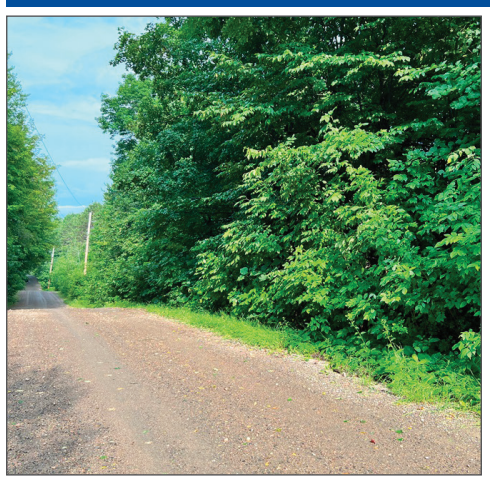

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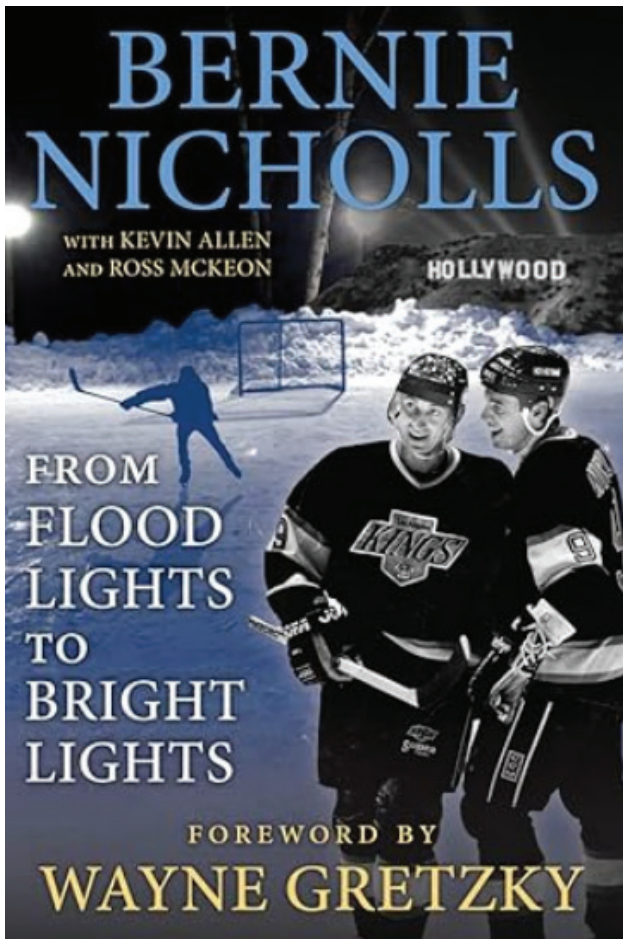
Bernie Nicholls gave a talk at the Minden Hills library branch on Monday, presented in association with the Friends Cafe. Janet Trull joined Nicholls to talk about his book *From Flood Lights to Bright Lights* which discusses growing up in West Guilford, his life as an NHL player and his work with the Bernie Nicholls Foundation. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Social Cornhole 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Canteen opens at 6 p.m. with open darts to start at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (members) at 7:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday every month
Friday: Backyard BBQ 5 to 7 p.m.
Bingo: doors 0pen at 5:30 p.m. play starts at 6:45 p.m. $300 jackpot with a progressive $500 jackpot
Saturday: Canteen opens at 3 p.m. with meat draw to start at 5 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd Sunday every month at 2 p.m.
Happy Hog Hoedown,
Saturday, Sept. 28: doors open 4 p.m., Dinner at 5 p.m. Cash only
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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
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Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

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Thursday: Open 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27 Wings and Jam night Seniors' Lunch
Friday, Sept. 20 Chicken Parmesan
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Wind, barging through the branches of trees, their rustling drowning the heaves of my Breath as I stop to rest,
listening to this flash of fall Wind, swallowing summer, slashing its way through the aspens and
birches and maples,
cleaving weakened leaves from their twigs, as I watch them flutter through Air like bits of
broken butterfly wings,
pulling the sleeves of my sweater past my fingertips, so Wind doesn't slip inside,
chilling Air as I stare up at the flecks of blackbirds congregating on the branches of a skeleton tree,
exposed for prying eyes to see, wondering why they aren't resting in their nests in trees
still frothing with leaves,
that shelter them from the fury of Wind, rampaging along the trail,
its bluster blowing the birds from the branches of the leafless tree,
the shadows of their wings flapping across the trail, waves of Wind sweeping me along the ground,
my own shadow, spindly as the spines of aspens, leading me along the trail that narrows to a path,
my feet veering onto it, then freezing, straight away, when my eyes spot the deer, a Breath before it spots me,
another deer shadowing it, appearing as if out of nowhere, as if it stepped from the green screen of trees.
I stare at the pair, my eyes, wide as Sky, watching their Breath heave beneath their ribs,
as Wind whirls all around us, unable to smash their stillness, as they remain rooted to the path,
blades of tall grasses swaying around them, the moment shattered as I try to muffle a sneeze with my sleeve,
but the pair of deer jolt then bolt back into the tangle of bushes and trees,
my eyes peering at the spot where they stood, my shadow brushing the blades of grass that
grazed their hooves,
feeling Wind, that snatched their Breath and carried it into the forest,
where slants of light slide down from Sky, igniting shadows of trees, lengthening across the forest floor,
where a pair of deer will maybe rest, their Breath, trembling, like leaves on their trees,
wondering when they will fall.

Sylvie Kalenda

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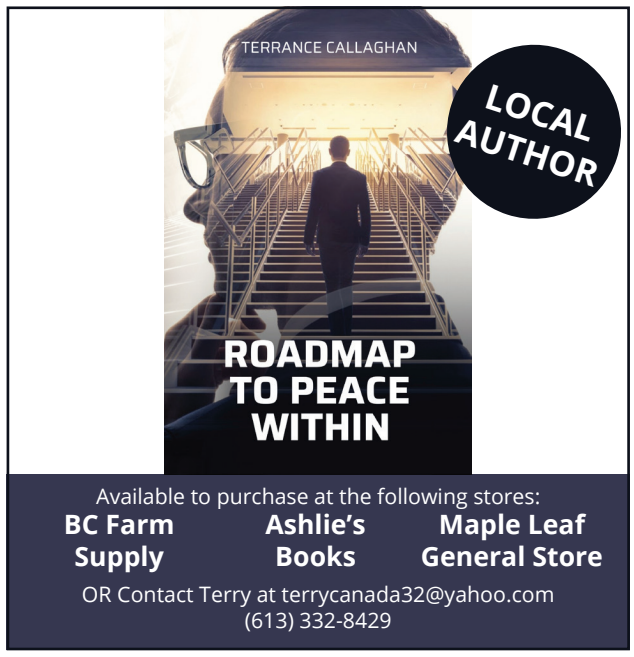

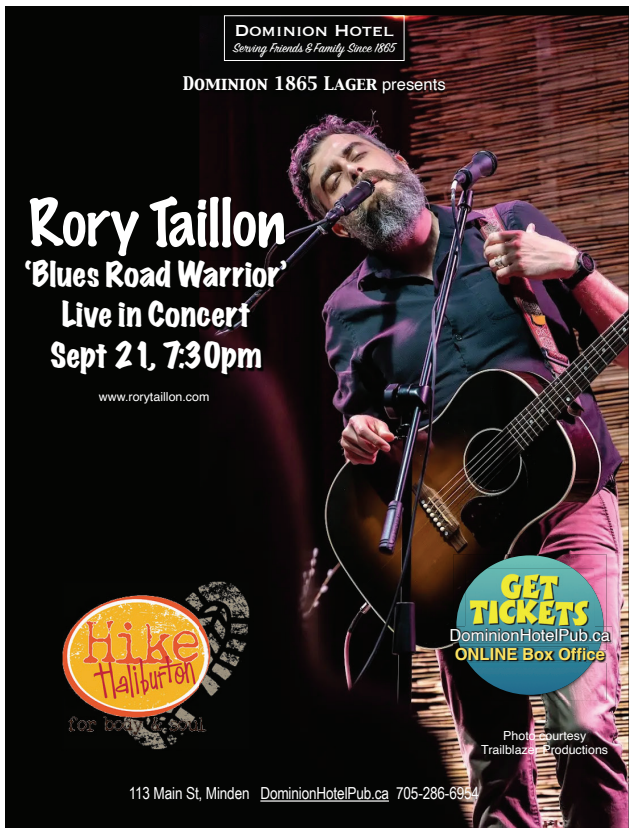

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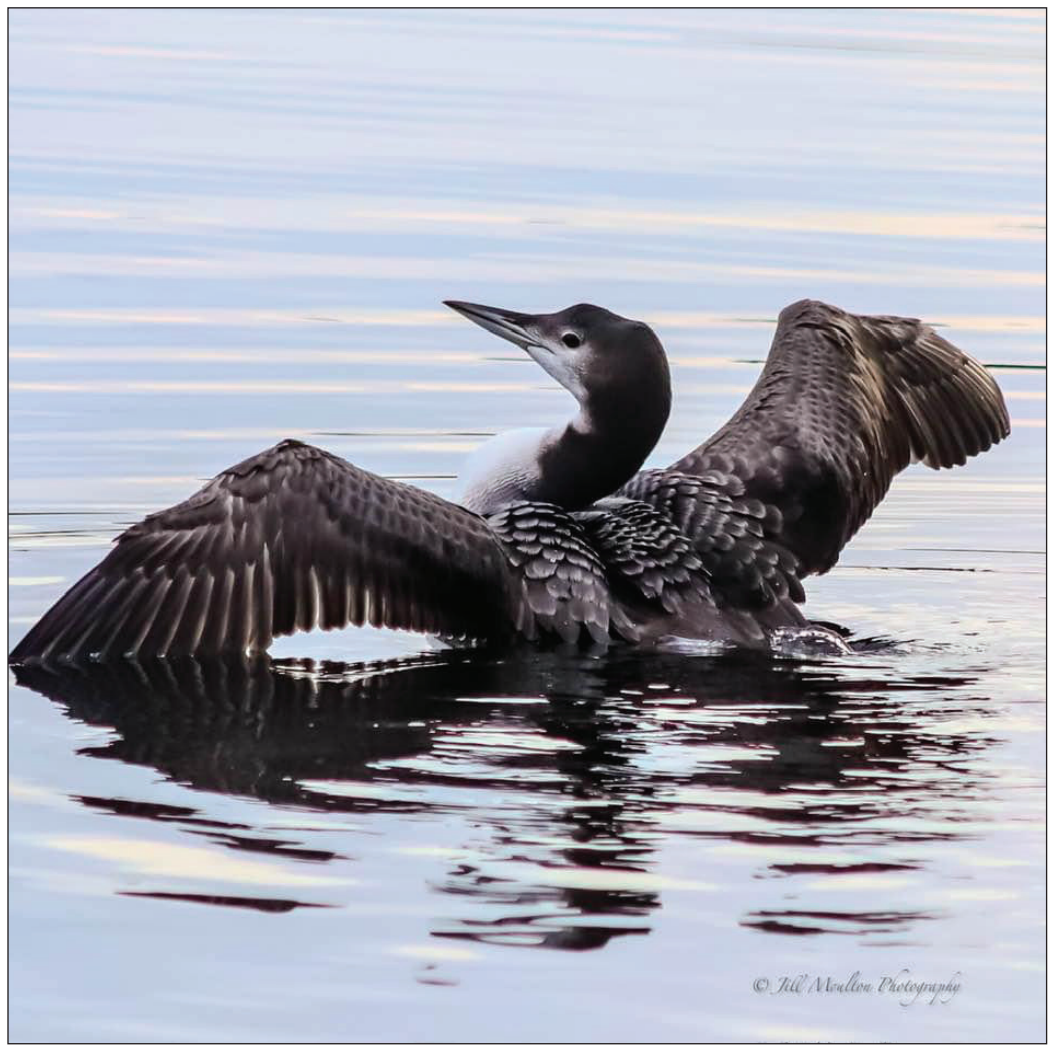

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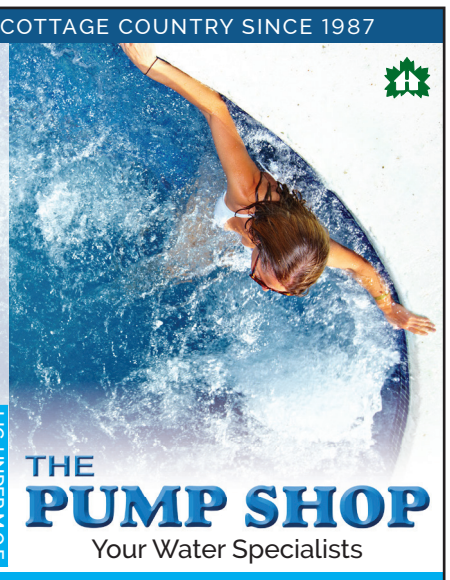

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A young participant waits to get registered for the Terry Fox Run in Minden last Sunday. There were 152 people who walked, ran or biked to raise more than $12,000 for research into finding cures for cancer. There are more photos on page 8.

The end is near for Healthy Futures

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times staff

Healthy Futures will soon be a thing of the past after the provincial government turned down a request to lengthen its lifespan.

The provincial initiative, which provides matching funds to farmers and landowners who want to protect their water resources, is scheduled to end on December 31.

However, since the local committee has given out only $50,000 from its $300,000 bank account, it asked that the program be extended until next fall. It also asked that people be allowed to apply for projects that improve septic system replacements.

The Ministry of Agriculture, which manages the program, says that the program has already been extended for a year and has to warp up by March 31, 2004. As well, a letter from Brian Cardy, manager of the Ministry's rural investments branch, says "While I appreciate your request, septic system improvements cannot be added to your approved budget."

The response is disappointing to the local committee's chairman, Dr. Brent Wootton.

"As a committee we've done everything we can [to encourage landowners to apply for the matching funds]," he says. "There are just so many restrictions [on allowed projects] and the economy is depressed."

In a letter to Cardy on behalf of the four local municipalities sponsoring the project, co-ordinator Bill Olan says that with the Mad Cow scare and its repercussions in the beef industry, many farmers do not feel confident about spending money at this time.

"In addition," Olan writes, "tourism is an important aspect of the economy in Haliburton.

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Candidates battle it out Thursday

Highlanders will get their only chance to see the candidates in the provincial election all together in the same room this Thursday, September 25.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has organized an all-candidates meeting at Wigamog Inn starting at 7 p.m.. Jack Brezina will moderate the county's only event before the October 2 election.

So far NDP candidate Earl Manners, PC candidate Laurie Scott, Liberal candidate Jason Ward and Doug Smith of the Green Party have confirmed they will be there. Other candidates who have been invited to attend are Paul Gordon of the Family Coalition Party, and Charles Olito of the Freedom Party.

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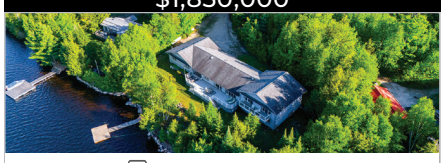

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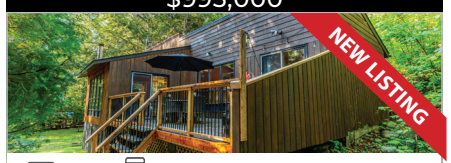
LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE
$995,000



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$875,000

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$759,900

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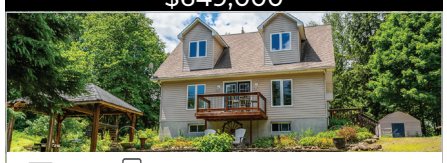

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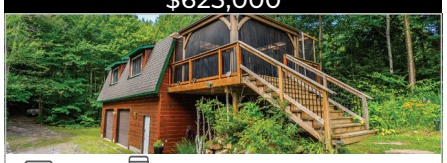

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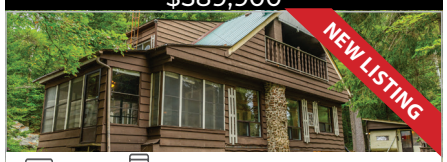

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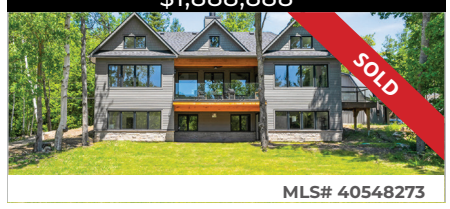

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